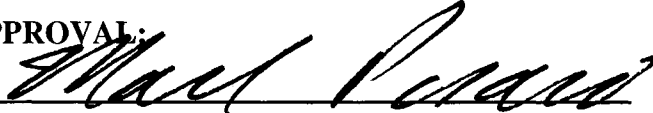


REPORT

DATE: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)
TO: Lynn Harris, Manager, Community Development Division, 213-236-1875, harris@scag.ca.gov
FROM: May 6, 2004
SUBJECT: Growth Visioning Sub-committee Final Report to CEHD

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Southern California Compass Growth Vision and Implementation Program and recommend approval to the Regional Council.

SUMMARY:

On 3/25/04, the Growth Visioning Sub-committee took action to approve the Southern California Compass Growth Vision and Implementation Program as part of final report of the Sub-committee to the Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee. This recommendation included that CEHD maintain the Implementation Program as a "living" document as further regional dialogues take place and other implementation consensus continues over the next seven years.

BACKGROUND:

In April of 1996, under the direction of CEHD, SCAG adopted the *Creating Livable Places* guide as the work plan for the Livable Places Initiative. The objective of the Initiative was to enhance community livability by promoting real-world examples of vibrant and attractive places in southern California as models of how local land use and balanced transportation policies can reduce auto travel and support more pedestrian, mixed use and transit-oriented development.

On October 7, 1999, SCAG staff presented to the CEHD Committee a status report of the Livable Communities program. The Committee decided that the Regional Council should utilize the substantial body of Livable Communities and "smart growth" work to assess the urban form impacts of the 2001 RTP and to embark on a regional growth visioning effort to consider a land use policy framework. On January 19, 2000 CEHD unanimously consented to establish a Growth Visioning Sub-committee to provide a policy framework for growth forecasts; provide direction on producing alternative urban form scenarios; consider balanced and efficient growth and transportation patterns; and consider other sustainable development and environmental issues.

Since its first meeting on July 10, 2000, the Sub-committee has been working diligently towards its mission to "develop a process that assists local, subregional and regional officials in developing strategies to accommodate growth that results in a preferred regional growth scenario." The Sub-committee directed this multi-year, collaborative work program that has resulted in numerous work products, formed the basis for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan Preferred Alternative, and will continue to change the climate for regional planning and cooperation in the SCAG region.

This spring draws to a close Phase 2 of the Growth Visioning program resulting in a Compass Growth Vision. The Compass Growth Vision is a conceptual guide for land use, transportation, and sustainability in Southern California. It consists of a concept map and a vision document (and other distribution pieces e.g. flyers, bookmarks, CD-ROMS). It is not a comprehensive plan or zoning map, rather, a detailed portrayal of how the concepts behind the Vision could be implemented to achieve the Regional Growth Principles adopted by the Growth Visioning Sub-committee in 2002 and convey a common understanding and image of how the region should develop over the next decades.

FISCAL IMPACT: None